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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 21 are pending in the application.

Applicants have amended claim 10 and cancelled claims 14-20. New claim 21 has been added. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the foregoing remarks.

1. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indication that claims 1 and 3-9 are allowed and that claims 19 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable is rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. (See page 3 of Office Action). Applicant has amended claims 10 to incorporate dependent claim 19. Claim 20 was canceled and new claim 21 incorporates the base claim 10 and dependent claims 14 and 20. Withdrawal of the objection and allowance of claims 10 and 21 is respectfully requested.

2. Claim Objections

Claims 10, 14-20 are objected to because of several informalities. Claim 10 was corrected appropriate per the Examiner's suggestions. Claims 14-20 were canceled. Withdrawal of the objections for claim 10 is respectfully requested.

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3. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

The Examiner rejects claims 10 and 14-18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Foley (5,163,518) as disclosed by the applicant. Applicant has amended claims 10 to incorporate the dependent claims 19. The Examiner has objected to claims 19 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims (See page 2 of Office Action). Claims 14-20 were canceled. Withdrawal of the objection and allowance of claim 10 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-9, 10 and 21 are believed to be in condition for allowance and are not anticipated by the prior art relied upon in the rejection.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that claims 1, 3-9, 10 and 21 are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and defines patentable subject matter. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

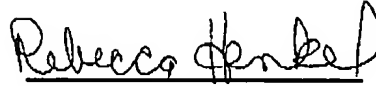
The fee for this extension of time is \$110.00 and is to be paid as follows:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 03-1025. If any additional extension of time is required, please consider this is a petition therefore and charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account 03-1025.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it would help expedite matters.

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